

Wiley Johnson, Mayor

*Council Members:*

Bob Jackson, Mayor Pro Tem  
Walter Bailey  
Aaron Brown  
Christine Czarnik  
Kima Garten-Schmidt  
William McIntosh



*Clerk-Treasurer*  
Lisa L. Wallace

*Town Attorney*  
G. Waring Parker

Town of Summerville  
**COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**  
**March 9, 2016**

**ATTENDANCE**

Present: Mayor Wiley Johnson, Mayor Pro-Tem Bob Jackson and Council members Walter Bailey, Aaron Brown, Christine Czarnik, Kima Garten-Schmidt, and Bill McIntosh. Also present were Lisa Wallace, Interim Town Administrator, and G.W. Parker, Town Attorney. Members of the press and the public were duly notified of the meeting and were also present.

**CALL TO ORDER**

The regular monthly meeting of Summerville Town Council was called to order at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, March 9, 2016. The meeting was opened with prayer by Mr. Jackson, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Prior to public comments, Mayor Johnson asked Belinda Harper to give an update on the town's recent general obligation refunding bond sale. Ms. Harper reported the savings were even better than projected with a present value savings of over \$900,000. She added that the town has retained its Aa1 and AA+ bond rating status. Mayor Johnson also reported that if the council chambers reaches capacity, the training room on the second floor has live streaming video and hopes to have live streaming video over the internet in the near future. Mayor Johnson then called for comments from the citizens. John Hayes of Dupont Way reported that there is an impending mosquito infestation near the Oakbrook Commons area due to large mudholes near the property filled with water. He added that the property is incorrectly delineated as wetlands. Terry Jenkins of Laurel Street spoke about the proposed change to move the finance committee meetings back to the same week as the council meeting but keeping the 6:30 p.m. time slot stating that it makes it easier for people to have the meetings all in the same week. Linda Haynes-Whetsell of Atlantic Street thanked the Chief of Police for the additional security on her street. She added that there are no lines on parts of Carolina Avenue so it is hard to tell which lane you are on. She also asked Council not to renew the contract with Waste Pro stating that the wood fence they put up does not keep the noise out. She also asked why Briarwood Lane, a private road, was paved. Mayor Johnson reported that the town is working on road improvements including additional signage. He added that John Nail from Waste Pro said they would move the trucks away from the fence line. He also explained that the town had taken over Briarwood Lane from the county. Jamie Touchberry of President Circle said she was concerned because she heard the town is

considering not continuing to support the Children's Center and The Home of Hope adding that the Palmetto House recently closed. She urged council to continue to support these organizations. Mayor Johnson responded that the town had initially helped the Home of Hope with grant funds but they no longer qualify; however, that does not mean the town won't try to provide support in other ways. He also explained that the Children in Crisis Center is currently being supported by tax payer funds. June Van Steyn, representing the Flowertown Garden Club, would like the garden club to be involved in the plans for Hutchinson Square. They are concerned about the removal of some trees and would like to be included in the process. Brad Mallet updated everyone on the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Famer's Market and commended the town's PIO and Special Events Coordinator, Tiffany Norton, and Tim Orvin with Parks and Recreation for their support of the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration. Keith Griffin of Townsend Way stated that he followed the recent campaign through the media but does not know what the vision is for the community. He would like to see some sort of public announcement to inform the public of what the vision is for the future. Dora Ann Reaves spoke about the Council Chamber's room capacity and the recent overflow crowds. She gave an example of a tragedy that occurred which sparked many of today's modern safety laws. She stated she is strongly in favor of enforcement of safety rules. Homer Gonzales of Weatherstone stated that Summerville needs to be saved from developers and Council needs to be held to a higher standard. Heyward Hutson of Golf Road wanted to draw attention to a grievance regarding the Board of Architectural Review and read a letter to the Mayor and council members regarding the conduct of the BAR and a possible illegal meeting. The letter requests that the incident be investigated. There being no further public comments, the Mayor declared the public comments portion of the meeting closed.

#### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

Mr. McIntosh made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jackson, to approve the minutes of the February 10, 2016 council meeting as presented. Ms. Czarnik stated that she would like the technical irregularities referenced in the minutes to be added to the minutes. She also requested that her points about the Bear Island and Sheep Island Road alternatives be recorded in the minutes and provided Ms. Wallace with a copy of her comments. She then made a motion to approve the minutes as amended with her notes, Mr. Jackson seconded the motion and the motion carried. Mayor Johnson then called for approval of the minutes as amended and the motion carried unanimously.

#### **APPROVAL OF COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Mr. McIntosh made a motion, seconded by Mr. Bailey, to approve the March 2, 2016 Finance Committee Report, the March 2, 2016 Public Safety Committee Report and the March 2, 2016 Planning and Development Committee Report as submitted. The motion carried unanimously.

### **PETITIONS**

Mr. Brown made a motion, seconded by Ms. Garten-Schmidt, to accept the petition and have first reading of an ordinance to annex TMS # 232-00-01-055 located on Berkeley Circle and owned by Sticky Summerville, LLC to be zoned B-3 General Business. The motion carried unanimously.

### **PENDING BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS**

Mr. Jackson made a motion, seconded by Mr. Brown to have second and final reading of an ordinance to annex Dorchester County TMS # 145-07-10-006 (1 lot) located at 420 Miles Jamison Road to be zoned R2, Single Family Residential. The motion carried unanimously.

### **INTRODUCTION OF NEW BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS**

Mr. Bailey made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jackson, to introduce and have first reading of an ordinance to establish rules applicable to peddlers, charitable solicitors, buskers and panhandlers. Mr. Brown stated that he did not want this ordinance to affect those organizations that solicit donations in front of Wal-Mart, for example. He added that he felt comfortable with the explanation that it would not. Mayor Johnson called for the vote and the motion carried unanimously.

### **MISCELLANEOUS**

There was some discussion of the Finance Committee meeting day and time. Mayor Johnson stated that there have been a number of suggestions, one being to move the finance committee meeting back to the Monday prior to the council meeting but keep the 6:30 p.m. meeting time. He added that would leave only 48 hours between meetings to prepare for the council meeting. Other suggestions include having the finance committee meeting on the first Wednesday of the month and roll immediately from the finance committee meeting to the other standing committee meetings. Mr. Bailey would like all of the meetings to be in the same week so you can work out vacation, work or other travel situations around that week. Mr. Brown stated he is in favor of having the finance committee and standing committee meetings on the same day. Ms. Wallace pointed out the concern about the Board of Architectural Review meetings being held at the same time. Mr. Bailey asked if the BAR meeting could be changed. Ms. Wallace reported that it was set by ordinance so it would have to be changed by ordinance. Mr. Jackson was in favor of having the finance and committee meetings at the same time and also felt having them all in the same week would be good. Mayor Johnson indicated that he would take this under advisement and meet with the BAR to see if they are willing to change their meeting time.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Mr. Brown made a motion, seconded by Ms. Garten-Schmidt, to enter into executive session at 7:23 p.m. to review applications and discuss employment matters related to the Town Administrator position. The motion carried unanimously.

Council returned to public session at 7:48 p.m. and announced that no action was taken.



**ADJOURN**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:48 p.m. on motion of Mr. Brown, seconded by Mr. Jackson.

Respectfully submitted,



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Lisa Wallace, Interim Town Administrator,  
Director of Administrative Services and  
Clerk/Treasurer

APPROVED:



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William Wiley Johnson, Mayor